



Special Events and Campfires at Cape Cod National Seashore

Cape Cod National Seashore offers many picturesque places to hold special events. Events such as weddings, family reunions, and other types of parties are permitted in the park, but require a special use permit and a fee. Special use permits must be acquired before the event and can be obtained through park headquarters. If you are unsure whether or not your specific gathering constitutes an “event” it is best to call and discuss your plans to determine whether or not you will need a permit.

If you are planning to have a campfire on the beach as a part of your special event, you must also acquire a fire permit through the appropriate visitor center. A special use permit alone does not allow the permit holder to have a campfire on the beach.

- Salt Pond Visitor Center issues permits for Coast Guard, Nauset Light, and Marconi.
- Province Lands Visitor Center issues permits for Head of the Meadow, Race Point, and Herring Cove.
- Reservations may be made up to three full days in advance not including the day of the fire (e.g. for a fire on Saturday, reservations can be made no earlier than Wednesday.)
- Coast Guard Beach campfire permits accommodate up to 15 people.
- Nauset Light, Marconi, Head of the Meadow, Race Point, and Herring Cove each have a limit of 25 people per campfire permit with the exception that Marconi Beach offers one permit per night for groups of 25-50.
- A single group cannot reserve more than one permit.
- If the group at an event on the beach is larger than the maximum group size allowed by the fire permit, the group cannot have a campfire as a part of their event.

Fire permits are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Note that demand for fire permit reservations is extremely high during summer months and park policy is to take reservations from those physically at the visitor centers each morning before phone reservations are accepted. Many visitors will arrive well before the visitor centers open at 9:00 AM to secure a place in line.

Special-Use Permits:

Concession Management Specialist
(508) 957-0706

Fire Permits:

Salt Pond Visitor Center: (508) 255-3421
50 Nauset Road, Eastham

Open 7 days a week, year round, 9-4:30, extended hours in summer

Province Lands Visitor Center: (508) 487-1256

171 Race Point Road, Provincetown

Open 7 days a week, May-October, 9-5